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153 in May,

98 in June, and

79 up to 27th July 1954.

" (b) The answer is in the negative."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, is there any proposal to do away with medical certificates for the granting of liquor permits as in the case of the sister State of Andhra?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

Proposal to bring in legislation to amend the Prohibition Act, 1937.

* 142 Q.—Srimathi JOTHI VENKATACHELLUM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bring in legislation to amend the Prohibition Act, 1937; and

(b) if so, when?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) As soon as the amendments to be made are finalised by the Government."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, is there any proposal to repeal the Prohibition Act? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

Permission to grant house-rent allowance to the employees of municipalities.

* 143 Q.—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any municipalities applied to the Government recently for permission to grant house-rent allowance to their employees;

(b) whether the Government refused permission to do so; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) Several municipalities applied.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, will the Government issue an order to all municipalities that they should pay this house-rent allowance irrespective of the fact whether they have got funds or not? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, are the Government sure that every municipality is paying this house-rent allowance?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" Sir, only certain municipalities are paying the house-rent allowance and not all municipalities. A municipality has first of all to apply to the Government for sanction to pay the house-rent allowance."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Attacks of cholera among the patients in the wards of the General Hospital.

11 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there were any attacks of cholera among the patients in the wards of the General Hospital, Madras, at any time; and

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have instituted a committee of enquiry, and if so, the recommendations of the Committee?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir, in 1951.

(b) Yes, Sir, a statement[a] showing the recommendations of the Committee is laid on the table of the House.

Introduction of 'printing', 'book-binding' and allied subjects as vocational subjects and hobbies in secondary and training schools.

12 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table of the House a list of Secondary and Training Schools in the State in which 'printing', 'book-binding' and allied subjects have been introduced as vocational subjects; and

(b) to state the qualifications prescribed for instructors in those subjects?

A.—(a) A list[b] of Secondary and Training Schools in the State in which 'printing', 'book-binding' and allied subjects have been introduced as vocational subjects and hobbies is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 423–425 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 425–426 infra.